17. Rs. 2 500 under "29-B1—Mechanical Engineering"

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I beg to move for another additional allotment of Rs. 2,500. The reasons are the same as for the previous allotment. I request the House may be pleased to vote the grant.

Demand put and carried

18. Rs. 12,500 under "19-Police—T. A.—Ordinary"

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 12,500 under "19-Police—T. A.—Ordinary". The provision made in the current Budget under "19-Police—T. A. Ordinary" has been found insufficient to meet the requirements of the year. Subsequent to the preparation of the budget, the rate of daily allowance for VII class servants was enhanced from Re. 1 to Rs. 1—8—0 and a large number of constabulary became eligible to the enhanced rate totally upsetting the budget estimate. I request the House may be pleased to sanction the allotment.

Demand put and carried

19. Rs. 300 under "14-Police—Cranganur"

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 300 under "14-Police—T. A.—Cranganur". The reason is the same as in the previous case, because of enhanced rate of T. A. I request the House may be pleased to vote the allotment.

Demand put and carried

20. Rs. 2,18,000 under "12-1—Forests—A 1 b"

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,18,000 for the collection and transport of 4,100 tons of timber for war purposes and for the Public Works Department. This item could not be anticipated when the original Budget was prepared because it was thought that the bulk of the timber for the Trichur Saw Mills would be delivered on seniorage basis, but later the Supply Department to the Government of India decided that it was to be better if the Cochin Government undertakes delivery of the same direct. Collection charges have therefore to be incurred on this. There has also been persistently increasing demands for timber for the P. W. D. Works, which also has to be provided for. I request that the House may be pleased to vote the grant.

Demand put and carried

21. Rs. 5,47,240 under "12-Forests—A1b 1"

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* I move for an addittional allotment of Rs. 5,47,240 under "A1b1". The bulk of this requisition goes towards the fuel supply scheme. Though the amount asked for is very high, it is not conducive of producing any return except that the fuel supply scheme will just be paying for itself without the necessity for the Government to subsidise it. Originally it was thought that Trichur and Ernakulam Towns alone required any bulk supply of fire-wood, but now the Scheme for Supplies has been extended to other rural town and even areas. It has been also necessary to procure more Lease/Lend lorries for which funds are necessary and the maintenance charges of these additional numbers of lorries have also to be increased. Besides the collection, transport and handling charges have also to be provided for. I request that the House may be pleased to vote the allotment requested for.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know what exactly this Rs. 2,85,000 represent for what period, from what month to what month ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* That is the additional allotment required for the maintenance of Food Supplies in 1120.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* This is a supplementary grant. I want to know for what period that is required, whether it is for the next 5½ months or for the past three months and the coming 5½ months?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* It will include all the 12 months of the year.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Was there no allotment for this before ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* There was an allotment of Rs. 1,50,000 under this item. As I have explained to the House, it was found inadequate. Nobody knew that the fuel supply scheme would expand like what it has. Hence this request.

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